

Town of Embden
Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons
December 2nd, 2021 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Taylor, Wayne McLaughlin, Janice Welch

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake, Leo Mayo, Josh Nunes, Michael Witham, Barbara Hoffman, John Gartner, Eric Ewing

Members of the Public Present:

Minutes recorded by: Christine Jablon

1. **Call to Order:** Charles called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved November 4th, 2021 Minutes: Janice made motion to approve the minutes as written. Wayne seconded.
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP # 116,117,118,119. and Payroll #120) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- Will have bank November Bank Rec. finished in mid-December.
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** Janice has put together a Broadband Committee. The seven-member committee will work on bringing Broadband Internet to Embden. Wayne made a motion to appoint the seven members. Chuck seconded the motion. The members are Janice Welch, Barbara Hoffman, Amy Champany, Betty Pratt, Ann Bridges, John Gartner, Eric Ewing. Barbara and Eric will co-coordinate.
5. **Presentation-** None
6. **Executive Session-** None
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 - None
 - b. Winter Roads Contractor -Nunes five-man crew has done a good job on the season's first few storms. There is washout on the Moulton Rd that needs to be addressed. Josh expressed concern for the yard trash in and on the sides of the Barron Road.
 - c. Animal Control – None
 - d. Assessor – None
 - e. Planning Board – The Site Review Ordinance should be ready for Town Meeting. However, the rest will have to wait until the summer. As far as permits go, there is a light load this month.
 - f. Local Plumbing Inspector – Finally slowing down.
 - g. Board of Appeals – None
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer – Terriann will not be here next Thursday. She and Leo will be in a class.
 - i. Health Officer- Covid is not spiking in Embden currently.
 - j. Road Commissioner – Wentworth Rd still needs shoulder work. Michael will start work on it this weekend. It has been difficult to get a Shoulder Machine. He will also be checking out the Moulton Rd washout. The dock at the boat launch will be taken out on December 3rd. The Fahi Pond did not get paved this year because the Hot Top plant went down. FineLine said they will pave it first thing in the spring. There is a major beaver problem on Handcock Pond. They are causing a lot of flooding. Michael will have a steel sign made the Katie Crotch Rd. He will also be getting Snowmobile Crossing signs made for certain roads.
 - k. R.S.U. #74 – Nothing to report.
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer – Christy is busy with end of year, the pre-audit, budget, and Town report
 - m. Registrar of Voters – The VPH was finally opened in CVR. Christy was able to enter the VPH and wrap up everything from November Election.
 - n. Tax Collector – Ruth has collected \$272,973.12 since 11/4/2021
 - o. Community Center- Thanksgiving dinner had a great turnout. Thank you to Chuck for ordering the parts needed to get the heat running for the event!! There is still a problem with heat not going into the lab. Country Sunday has been packed. There won't be any more meals until February. The Thrift store is doing better than ever!
8. **Unfinished Business** – Selectboard will be meeting next Thursday night for a work session to get the end of the year together.
9. **New Business** –
10. **Correspondence-**
11. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-**
12. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment** –
 - a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – January 6th, 2022.
 - b. Jan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wayne seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 7:25 pm.